GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2766
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of judges lying vacant in Allahabad High Court of Uttar Pradesh as on 30th November, 2003 and the dates since when those posts are lying vacant;

(b) the action taken so far to fill up these posts; and

(c) the time by which all the vacant posts of judges are likely to be filled up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SURI P.c. THOMAS)

(a), (b) & (c): As on November 30, 2003, 29 posts of Judges were vacant in the Allahabad High Court.

Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of proposal for appointment of Judges of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Government has, however, been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers and the Governors of the States, from time to time, including the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and the Chief Minister and the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, to initiate proposals for filling up of the present vacancies and also the vacancies anticipated during the next six months.